

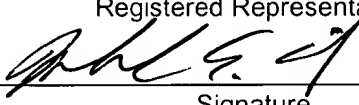
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Our Case No. 9281/3923-1  
Client Reference No. J US00014

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Shoji Suzuki

Serial No.: 09/804,812

Filing Date: March 13, 2001

For: Input Control System With The  
Ability Of Setting Arbitrary Switch  
Functions Of The Switch Input  
Section

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) Examiner: A. Zamani  
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			Client Ref. No. J US00014
Serial No. 09/804,812	Filing Date MARCH 13, 2001	Examiner A. ZAMANI	Group Art Unit 2674
Inventor(s) SHOJI SUZUKI			
Title of Invention INPUT CONTROL SYSTEM WITH THE ABILITY OF SETTING ARBITRARY SWITCH FUNCTIONS OF THE SWITCH INPUT SECTION			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Request for Continued Examination; Petition and Fee for Extension of Time; Preliminary Response; \$750 Check; \$930 Check; and Postcard Receipt.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ Petition for a 3 month extension of time.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
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Total		Minus			x \$9=			x \$18=	
Indep.		Minus			x 42=			x \$84=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$140=			+\$280=	
					Total add'l fee	\$		Total add'l fee	\$

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Check in the amounts of \$750 and \$930 to cover the 1.17(e) and petition fees are enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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